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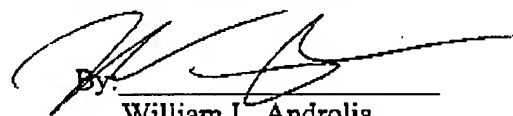
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Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on January 13, 2006. However, to date, no Office Action has been issued yet.

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